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Expansion of Air Services
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide air connectivity to Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh from various cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of air services in Kanpur;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make Kolhapur airport in Maharashtra operational and start flight services from there;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the facilities available at the airport at present; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of Kolhapur airport?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) and (b): As on date there is no flight operation to/from Kanpur airport due to ongoing runway maintenance work. However, with repeal of Air Corporation act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. Government has however, laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of RDGs issued by Government.;
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(c): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed a MoU for establishment of a New Civil Enclave at Knapur (Chakeri) with Govt of Uttar Pradesh in February, 2014. As per MoU, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh has to provide 50 acres of land for establishment of New Civil Enclave.;
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(d) and (e): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate/ stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable by providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and other concessions to the selected airline operators under RCS. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes and submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS from time to time. AAI, the implementing agency of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) -UDAN after first round of bidding has awarded 27 numbers of proposals involving 31 un-served, 12 under-served airports including Kolhapur. Kolhapur airport is an operational airport of AAI suitable for operation of ATR-42 type of aircraft. Domestic Terminal building is suitable for handling 100 peak hour passengers at a time. Two parking stand NDB/VHF is available at Kolhapur airport.;
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(f): The following works has been planned for expansion of Kolhapur aiport by AAI:;

(i) Extension of runway by 930m x 45m to have total runway length from existing 1370m x 45m to 2300m x 45m to make suitable for operation of A-320 type of aircraft operation along with Blast Pad, RESA (240m x 90m) at both ends of runway Turn Pad, link taxi track, Isolation bay.;

(ii) New Domestic Terminal Building to handle 300 php (150arr + 150 dep) with covered area 3900 sqm as per IMG norms with a provision of extension on both sides, car park for 100 cars, VIP parking for 10 cars etc, New ATC tower cum Technical Block cum Fire Station & 4.5m wide perimeter road all around the acquired land.;

(iii) Provision of new Isolation Bay 91m x 76m and 217.5m x 23m link taxiway with 2.5m shoulder suitable to cater for A-320 type of aircraft.